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In re Application of

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DECISION ON RENEWED PETITION

This decision is issued in response to applicants' "Response To Decision On Petition" filed on 14 April 2000, which has been treated as a renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.181 to confirm compliance with the Notification Of Missing Requirements mailed 21 July 1999. No petition fee is required.

BACKGROUND

The procedural background for this application was set forth in detail in the decision mailed by this Office on 15 March 2000. In that decision, it was held that applicants had not fully complied with the Notification Of Missing Requirements mailed on 21 July 1999. Specifically, the declaration submitted by applicants was illegible and the English translation of the international application was incomplete.

On 14 April 2000, applicants filed the "Response To Decision On Petition" considered herein. This Response was accompanied by: (1) an English translation of the complete international application; (2) a completely legible declaration; and (3) an English translation of the annexes to the IPER.

DISCUSSION

A review of the declaration and English translation submitted with the present Response reveals that these materials address the inadequacies set forth in the earlier decision. The declaration is legible and in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b). The English translation appears complete and includes all 11 claims. Accordingly, applicants have now fully complied with the Notification Of Missing Requirements mailed 21 July 1999.

CONCLUSION

Applicants' renewed petition to confirm compliance with the Notification of Missing Requirements is **GRANTED**.

The application has an international filing date of 19 December 1997 under 35 U.S.C. 363 and a date of 14 April 2000 under 35 U.S.C. 371(c) and 102(e).

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the International Division for further processing in accord with this decision, including the mailing of a Notification Of Acceptance Of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/903).

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